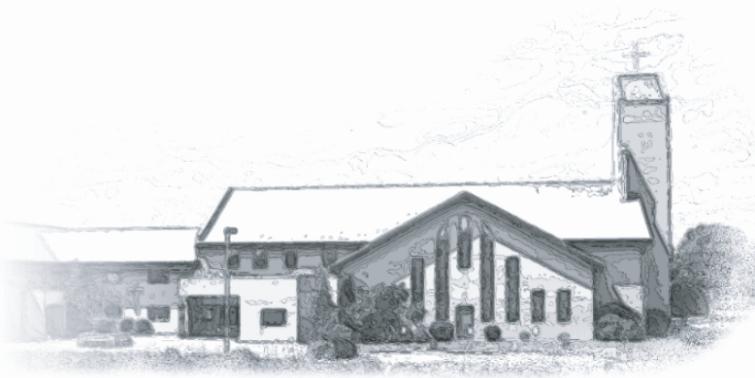


St. Paul the Apostle and Immaculate Conception Churches



“To grow as disciples, living and sharing the love of Christ”

Sunday Liturgies

Saturday:

5:00 p.m. at St Paul the Apostle

Sunday:

9:00 a.m. at Immaculate Conception

10:30 a.m. at St Paul the Apostle

6:00 p.m. at St Paul the Apostle

Weekday Liturgies

Tuesday: 7:00 p.m. at St. Paul's

Wednesday & Thursday: 8:00 a.m. at St. Paul's

Friday: 12:10 noon at Immaculate Conception

Saturday: 9:00a.m. at Immaculate Conception

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Exposition on the First Friday of each month at Immaculate Conception Church from 1:00pm Friday until 8:00am Saturday.

Tuesday - 6:00 p.m. Holy Hour before 7:00 p.m. Mass at St. Paul's

YOUTH MINISTRY:

Edge Night (Gr. 6-8) See parish website

Life Teen (Gr. 9-12) See parish website

Reconciliation(Confessions): at St. Paul's

Saturday 4:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.

Tuesday 6:00 p.m. to 6:45 p.m.

Marriage:

Couples planning to be married must contact the parish priest one year in advance. No wedding date is to be set before consulting the parish priest. At least one of the parties should be a registered parishioner and both parties must attend a mandatory Marriage Preparation Course.

Baptism:

Parents/Guardians should be registered parishioners and attend Baptism preparation class along with godparents. (Registration package available from church office).

Anointing of the Sick and Holy Communion: If anybody is sick (at the Hospital, Home, Nursing Home, etc.) & needs to be anointed or would like to receive Holy Communion or Confession, please call office.

Schools:

Holy Family Elementary School 705-435-3989

St. Paul's Elementary School 705-435-7211

St. Cecilia Catholic School 705-530-9597

St. Thomas Aquinas High School 905-936-4743

Pastoral Ministries:

Life Teen and The Edge Youth Ministry for students in grade six through to high school; Altar Servers; Lectors; Ushers; Eucharistic Ministers; Music Ministry; Pastoral Care Ministers to the sick and shut-ins; Children's Liturgy; Pastoral Council; R.C.I.A.; and Sacramental Preparation

Organizations:

The Catholic Women's League of Canada; Knights of Columbus; Columbian Squires (boys 10 - 18 yrs) St. Vincent de Paul Society

Stewardship:

Welcome to new parishioners! To be a member of our parish is to have a sense of belonging to a Community of Faith. Registration forms and envelopes are available in the foyer of the church.

PARISH WEBSITE: stpaultheapostleal.archtoronto.org

St. Paul the Apostle

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3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ 25 January 2026

First Reading + Isaiah 9:1-4

Second Reading + 1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17-18
Gospel + Matthew 4:12-23

Mass for the Intentions Week

Monday, January 26

NO MASS SCHEDULED

Tuesday, January 27

5:20pm+Marian Cenacle
6:00pm+HOLY HOUR

6:15pm – 6:45pm + CONFESSIONS

7:00pm+*(Multiple Intentions Mass-Per. Int.)*
Michael & Maria Berberick, Barry & Donna Jebb,
Doug & Judy Adams

Wednesday, January 28

8:00am+Rev. Norberto Eyule, Per. Int.-P/C Morrison

Thursday, January 29

8:00am+Intentions of O'Reilly Family – T. O'Reilly

Friday, January 30

(Fri. Daily Mass at Immaculate Conception)
12:10pm+*(Multiple Intentions Mass-Per. Int.)*

Beatriz Baumfeld, Connie Orr

Saturday, January 31

(Sat. Daily Mass at Immaculate Conception)
9:00am+Rev Stan Witczak, Per. Int.-P/C Morrison
5:00pm+FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

Sunday, February 1

9:00am+Nicholas Krzynowos, RIP-D. Geronimo
10:30am+Jim O'Meara, RIP- R. O'Meara
6:00pm+For the People of the Parish

God's Permissive Will

When Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee... From that time on, Jesus began to preach and say, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." [Matthew 4:12, 17](#)

When John the Baptist was arrested, his followers were likely overcome with fear and grief. The man they revered as a prophet, who fearlessly proclaimed the coming of the Messiah and called for repentance through baptism, had been imprisoned. John was arrested by Herod Antipas, the son of Herod the Great, infamous for ordering the massacre of infants in Bethlehem. Like his father, Herod Antipas was ambitious and morally corrupt. As tetrarch of Galilee and Perea under Roman authority, Herod's political survival depended on maintaining Roman favor. He often used religion to secure legitimacy among the Jewish people, though his actions routinely violated Jewish law.

Though nominally Jewish, the Herodian dynasty was of Idumean descent, tracing its lineage to Esau rather than Jacob. The Idumeans were forcibly converted to Judaism between 135–104 BC. While this history granted the Herods a claim to Jewish identity, their foreign lineage and collaboration with Rome made them unpopular with many Jews. Herod Antipas, like his father, prioritized political cunning and personal ambition over genuine adherence to Jewish law.

When John the Baptist emerged on the scene, he proclaimed his message with fearless conviction. His central call was one of repentance and baptism for the forgiveness of sins, urging the people to prepare for the coming of the Messiah. Yet John did not shy away from addressing the moral and spiritual corruption of his time. He famously denounced the Pharisees and Sadducees as a "brood of vipers," rebuking their hypocrisy and lack of genuine repentance. John also boldly condemned Herod Antipas for violating Jewish law by divorcing his wife and marrying Herodias, the wife of his half-brother, Philip. This marriage not only violated Mosaic Law but also reflected Herod's ambitions to consolidate power and status. John's fearless denunciation of sin, even among the powerful, ultimately led to his arrest and eventual martyrdom.

This historical context surrounding John's arrest is crucial because it helps us understand God's providence—how He permits certain evils to occur in order to bring about a greater good. Jesus Himself later affirmed John's greatness, saying, "Among those born of women there has been none greater than John the Baptist" ([Matthew 11:11](#)). If the Son of God declared John's greatness shortly after John's arrest, why didn't God miraculously free him from persecution? The answer lies in John's mission. He had fulfilled his primary role: preparing the way for the Lord, the "Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world" ([John 1:29](#)). Once John's mission was complete, God permitted him to seal his testimony with his own blood, offering his life as a martyr for the Lord and for the Truth that sets all people free.

Reflect today on John's arrest and consider how you might have reacted if you had been one of his disciples. From an earthly perspective, martyrdom is difficult to comprehend or accept, especially in our own lives or in the lives of those we love. Though John's arrest and subsequent martyrdom likely brought fear and grief to his disciples, shaking their sense of security, from an eternal perspective, John's martyrdom was his greatest act of witness. It fulfilled his mission by pointing his disciples—and all of us—toward the true Prophet and Messiah, Jesus Christ. John is forever glorified in Heaven, and in the end, that is all that truly matters. As we honor John's unwavering faith, seek to embrace God's permissive will in your own life. Even in the face of suffering or evil, trust that God, in His providence, can bring about a greater good if we surrender ourselves fully to Him.

My provident and loving God, You permit evil to touch the lives of Your faithful followers, knowing that in Your perfect Wisdom, You can bring forth a greater good. Grant me the heart of a martyr, filled with courage and trust, whenever I face injustice in my life. Help me to unite my every trial to Yours, in imitation of Saint John the Baptist and Your own Passion and Death. Jesus, I trust in You.

Source: MyCatholicLife

Saint of the Week:

Without confidence and love, there can be no true education. If you want to be loved...you must love yourselves, and make your children feel that you love them.

- St. John Bosco (1815-1888) Priest, Patron of publishers, Feast Day January 31



Serra's 'Vocation Seeds'
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.' Are you willing to proclaim the coming of the kingdom as a priest, deacon, brother or sister? If God is calling you, contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997, Email: vocations@archtoronto.org www.vocationstoronto.ca

Blessed Palms from last year

If you have blessed palms from last year, you may drop them in the basket in the narthex. The basket will be placed till **Sunday, February 15th**.

Slow Cooker Club

Are you 55+ and interested in learning new skills? Join Catholic Family Services Counselling and Wellbeing for a **FREE 6-week** cooking program at **St Paul the Apostle Parish**! You'll meet people from your parish community and learn how to make 6 different slow cooker meals. You will also receive a 2 qt slow cooker for you to keep, the ingredients for each recipe to take home, instructions on how to make the meal, and a free lunch to enjoy with your new friends. The program includes education on nutrition, shopping, budgeting and more. Slow Cooker Club will run from **10AM until 2PM on Tuesdays**, starting **February 10th until March 24th** (there will be a week off for Shrove Tuesday). Come and join us and let's get cooking!

If interested, please contact the office on **705-435-6325, ext 21** or email stpaultheapostleal@archtoronto.org.

Last day to register is February 3rd.

For more information, contact jwickens@cfssc.ca.



Special Anniversary Mass—February 14 at 10:30 AM

As part of our parish's 150th anniversary celebrations, we invite all couples marking milestone anniversaries in 2026 – 25 or 50 years (in multiples of 5) to join us for a Special Anniversary Mass on **Saturday, February 14th at 10:30 AM**.

Following the Mass, refreshments/cake will be served in **Fr. Bennett Hall** as we continue the joyful celebration together.

We kindly request that you inform us of the number of family members who will be in attendance, so that appropriate arrangements for refreshments may be made.

To participate, please call or email the parish office to register your anniversary.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper



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Ash Wednesday Masses

Feb 18 at St. Paul's
8:00a.m. & 7:00p.m.

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The Stations of the Cross

During Lent we will pray The Stations of the Cross every Friday at 7:00p.m from February 20th - April 3rd

† Please note that on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, Catholics are obliged to observe fasting and abstinence from meat. The law of abstinence from meat binds those who are 14 and older; the law of fasting binds those from 18-59 years of age. One way to fast would be to have one large meal and two light meals.

On Fridays especially during Lent, Catholics are also obliged to do something penitential. They can fast from meat or Pray the **Stations of the Cross on Fridays at 7:00 p.m.** at St Paul's or do charitable works or alms giving.

SPIRITUAL BOUQUET FOR 2026 ORDINANDI'S

A **Spiritual Bouquet** is a beautiful offering of prayers—Masses, Communions, Rosaries, Stations of the Cross, Eucharistic Adorations, Sacrifices, Novenas, and other devotions—made for a particular intention. This year, we invite you to offer these prayers for the seminarians of St. Augustine's Seminary who will be ordained to the priesthood and make their vows in 2026.

These offerings are **not monetary gifts**. They are the heartfelt prayers and devotions you personally undertake—such as attending Mass or praying the Rosary—and lovingly offer for this intention. Though the seminarians cannot hold this gift in their hands, they carry it deeply in their hearts and minds.

We encourage you to participate by offering as many Masses, Communions, Rosaries, and other prayers as you are able. Any Mass or devotion you attend during the week or on Sunday may be offered for this intention, even alongside your other personal intentions.

The Ordinandi consistently express how meaningful this Spiritual Bouquet is to them. They look forward to receiving it each year, grateful and strengthened by the knowledge that they are being held in prayer as they prepare to serve the Lord in their new vocation.

Sign-up sheets are posted at the back of the church.

Thank you for your generous and prayerful support of these soon-to-be ordained priests and seminarians.

Pilgrimage to Montreal & Quebec City

The 150th Anniversary Committee has organized a pilgrimage to visit shrines in Montreal and Quebec City. This 5-day trip is scheduled for **May 11-15, 2026**.

Registration is now open, but only until **January 31st**. For more information, please see the 150th Anniversary bulletin board in the Narthex. Please contact **Paul Healy at (705) 435-4951** or email: pfhealy@yahoo.com.

YOUTH OLYMPIC GAMES - Grades 4-8 • Coming Soon

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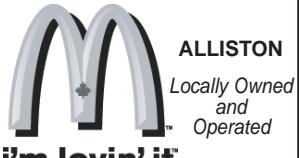
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